

REMARKS:

Claims 1-21 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowability for the claims, subject to correcting the Examiner's objections.

The specification has been updated with the number of the patent issued on the parent application and each of the objections mentioned by the Examiner to claims 1-19, 11-14 and 19-21 have been made. These changes were not made for any statutory reasons so that a full scope of protection should be available for these claims including treatment under the doctrine of equivalents.

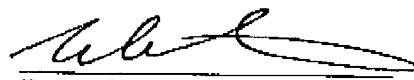
Claims 10 and 15-18 have likewise been corrected and are also believed to cover the invention by all statutory and judicially recognized means available since the changes which were made do not narrow the scope of protection.

Specifically, the Examiner objected to claims 10 and 15 for not reciting testing for runnability. These claims have been changed to eliminate the word "runnability" but are believed fully sufficient and correct to define the invention which in the more general sense is an apparatus for testing coating fluid as in claims 10 and 15. The nature of the testing is defined by the manipulative steps of the claim and are believed to properly define the invention under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

By the above amendment thus the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain in the interest of reaching a conclusion to the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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